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SUBJECT: MIKI'S TRIP TO US

SUMMARY: JAPANESE PRESS CARRIED SUMMARY OF STATEMENT MADE BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MIKI TO A JOINT CONFERENCE OF SEVERAL LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEES HELD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON JANUARY 7 FOR US. ACCORDING TO PRESS MIKI TOLD GROUP THAT MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES EXPECT JAPAN TO PLAY QUOTE POSITIVE ROLE FOR THE REALIZATION OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST UNQTE AND THAT DURING CURRENT VISIT TO US HE QUOTE WISHES TO REQUEST THE US SIDE STRONGLY TO PERSUADE ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OCCUPIED AREAS UNQTE. END SUMMARY

1. THE ASAHI SHIMBUN SUMMARY QUOTED MIKI MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO THE LDP GROUP:

A. THE MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES ALL PLACE GREAT EXPECTATIONS ON JAPAN'S ECONOMIC POWER. IN REGARD TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST,
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THESE COUNTRIES HAVE GREAT EXPECTATIONS THAT BECAUSE JAPAN

HAS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, IT WILL WORK UPON THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THE LATTER WILL PERSUADE ISRAEL. IN REPLY (TO THIS EXPECTATION) I PROMISED QTE OVERESTIMATION IS TROUBLESOME, BUT WE WISH TO DEVOTE OUR FULLEST EFFORTS TO ACTION FOR THE REALIZATION OF PEACE UNQTE.

B. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER SEEMS TO BE THINKING OF A STAGE-BY-STAGE PEACE CONCEPT, THAT IS TO SEPARATE THE ARMED FORCES OF THE TWO SIDES FROM EACH OTHER FIRST, THEN TO REOPEN THE SUEZ CANAL, AND NEXT TO HAVE THE ISRAELI FORCES WITHDRAW FROM THE SINAI PENINSULA AND ESTABLISH A NEUTRAL ZONE. ON THIS POINT, WE CANNOT TAKE AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW BECAUSE OPINIONS ARE DIVIDED WITHIN THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS AND BECAUSE IRAQ TOO HAS A HARD POSITION. IT SEEMS, HOWEVER, THAT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS TACKLING THIS PROBLEM WITH UNPRECEDENTED EARNESTNESS.

C. DURING MY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES I WILL HOLD FRANK TALKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. AT ANY RATE, ONLY THE UNITED STATES CAN PERSUADE ISRAEL. I WISH TO SEEK THIS STRONGLY FROM THE UNITED STATES.

D. IT IS NATURAL FOR OUR COUNTRY TO PROMOTE ITS OWN INDEPENDENT DIPLOMACY TOWARD THE ARABS. HOWEVER, THERE SEEMS TO BE FEELING OF DISPLEASURE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHERS OVER THE POINT THAT JAPAN MAY BE TAKING ACTIONS WITH ONLY ITS OWN INTERESTS IN MIND. WHAT PARTICULARLY SEEMS TO BE PROVOKING THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES IS THE FACT THAT JAPANESE TRADING FIRMS OFFERED AN EXORBITANTLY HIGH PRICE IN THE INTERNATIONAL BIDDING IN NIGERIA AND THE FACT THAT IN THE CASE OF LIBYAN CRUDE OIL AS WELL, JAPAN IS SHOWING MOVEMENTS TO PURCHASE IT EVEN BEFORE THE PRICE IS DECIDED. WITH MITI AS THE FOCUS, IT IS NECESSARY TO GIVE (THESE COMPANIES) STRONG ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE.

2. COMMENT:

THE MEETING WITH THE LDP COMMITTEES WAS ONE OF A SERIES MIKI HAS HELD WITH VARIOUS DOMESTIC GROUPS SINCE HIS RETURN FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO REPORT ON HIS MISSION AND ON THE PURPOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF HIS TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION THE FONOFF HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS RETURN MIKI MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE ARAB CHIEFS OF MISSIONS IN TOKYO TO REPORT ON HIS TALKS IN THEIR CAPITALS, EXPRESS THANKS FOR THE HOSPITALITY HE RECEIVED, AND REASSURE THEM THAT HIS TRIP TO THE US WAS CONSISTANT WITH ARAB DESIRE TO REACH AN ACCEPTABLE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MID EAST. THE CONTENTS OF MIKI'S REPORTED REMARKS TO THE LDP GROUPS

PARALLEL CLOSELY THE REPORT ON THE MISSION GIVEN TO THE
EMBASSY BY FONOFF ME BUREAU COUNSELOR NAKAMURA ON JAN. 7
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